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14th July 2019

15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

"We instinctively tend to limit for whom we exert ourselves. We do it for people like us, and for people whom we like. Jesus will have none of that"



Fr Bloom shares his story: This Summer I have been cleaning up the office and I noticed a box on one of the shelves. When I opened it - to my surprise - it contained three eggs and ten one-dollar-bills. I asked Sr. Barbara about it. She seemed a little embarrassed, but then told me that every time I gave a bad homily, she put an egg into the box. "Well," I said, "I guess I am doing OK. I've probably given well over a hundred homilies and only three eggs for bad homilies." Then I asked her about the ten one-dollar-bills. She swallowed and said, "Every time I got together a dozen eggs, I sold them to the poor for a dollar!"

The moral of the story is that we may not always be doing as well as we think. That was certainly the case with the priest and Levite in today's Gospel. They thought they were doing great, but they missed the mark. Something similar can happen with you and me. We can think that we are being very compassionate and loving, but fail to effectively help the person in need. Jesus praised the Samaritan because he helped the other in way that really made a difference.

Each day God sends people to us - people for us to love - whether those people be clerks in our banks and our stores, panhandlers on our streets, teenagers on our corners, or the people who live a few blocks over from us.

Let us take a moment to remember before God the kinds of people we say aren't our neighbours; people we try to pass by on the other side of the road:

- * people whose skin is not the same colour as ours
- * people whose bodies are broken or twisted by disease or injury
- * people whose politics differ from our own
- * people who have lived so long on charity that they have never learned of any other life
- * the single mothers who rely on welfare all their days
- * the young man with AIDS
- * the young person in prison
- * the person just released from mental hospital
- * the person who has hurt us
- * the person who is our servant, the one paid to look after us; the migrants looking for livelihood ; the soldiers who are weighed down mentally and emotionally and the list goes on and on...



And let us confess our reasons for avoiding them, for not loving them:

- * our fear of moral contamination
- * our inability to separate bad actions and poor choices from the people who must live with the consequences
- * our fear that what we believe might be proved wrong
- * our love of ease, security, possessions
- * our traditions, our grudges, our pride, our selfishness, our lack of faith

Lord Jesus, we can't hide in the safe shadow of the law anymore. The light of your love shows us who our neighbours are; and it also shows up all the barriers we have raised; and all the excuses that we have rehearsed, for not loving as you love. Forgive us, and set us free... (Sources duly acknowledged)

St James reminds us "if we see one of our brothers or sisters who are in need of clothes or food and do not have enough to live on, and we say, I wish you well...without giving them the necessities to live, what good is faith? It is the same with faith, if good deeds do not go with it, it is quite dead"

Shall we heed to the encouraging words of Jesus and reach to help to anyone in need what I can in whatever way I can , no matter how small or big I think it is?

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

Update



New Office

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to help in the building and furnishing of our new church building.

If you would like to give your donation, please ring the office for bank details or payment options. Let us continue to pray for the Lord to bless our plans!



Function Centre

Social Justice @ St Mads

The Social Justice statement has been announced for 2020. The theme is *Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World*. The focus on our engagement in the digital world will be interesting.

The parish will have copies of the statement available for Social Justice Sunday, September 29th.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) was set up by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) in 1987 as the national justice and peace agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/ What are your ideas for a local Social Justice event at St Madeleine's for Social Justice Sunday?

Your ideas are welcome.

~Sue Martin

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

National Theme for Discernment #5

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in

Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus.

Find out more at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

All are invited to attend! (Sign-up sheet in the foyer)



20th July,
Saturday @ 8:30am
in St Joseph Centre
"On Timor Leste"

3rd August,
Saturday @ 8:30am
in St Joseph Centre
"Fatherhood"



BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd Aug** at **4:30-5:30pm** at St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Thank you.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Maria Portelli, Tessa Rizzardo, Betty Broughton, and Brunina Tassone

For the dearly departed

Eriberito Adah, Costantino Giudice, Joe Vella, Michael Caruana, Grant Brackenbury, deceased of the Saeco family, Pulis family, Sultana family, Spadaro family, John Frendo, Carmelo & Victoria Hili, Pietro Ceccato, deceased of the Ferraro family, Carmela Barone, Pablito Corpuz, and Alba Minuzzo

For healing of the sick

Sheila Cañabano, 10-mo old Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1411.70

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$1307

Loose = \$ 904

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$4318 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS CATCH-UP OVER COFFEE

All our dear volunteers to the nursing homes and retirement villages (Lady of Grace, Arcare, Carinya House, BUPA Dural, and Mountainview) are invited to get together for coffee on

Thursday, 25th July, 11:30am.

at Rose & Herb Café,
Round Corner

Please let Suzanne know if you're coming!



PARISH COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

A committee will be putting together a commemorative book for the occasion of the blessing of the new church. We would like you to be part of it by sending in little stories and anecdotes about the history of the parish and how it has evolved.

We will hold on to materials you send in because the items that do not make it into the book will be featured on our updated website later on.

If you have a story to tell about our parish, please email it to bookforstmads@gmail.com or write it down and drop it off at the office by 23rd July 2019.

Your memories of St Madeleine's will be valuable in the passing down of our history. Thank you!

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator

Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup - Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,

or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The **Information Sessions for First Communion** will be on

Tuesday, 6th August, at 4:30 and 7pm.

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program

MUST attend one of these sessions.

This sacrament is offered to Year 3 and older who have already done their First Reconciliation.

For any queries, please feel free to contact

Sally Coppini by email: stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



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The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall).

NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory.

Enrolments close on 5 August 2019. Please visit the Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: 20 AUGUST

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program - Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.

- ◇ Back from the dead: Former ISIS captive describes his experience
- ◇ Miracle healings
- ◇ We will never break the seal
- ◇ Religious freedom for Australia
- ◇ Movie review: Spider-man: far from home
- ◇ Euthanasia media bias? You judge

-St Madeleine Sophie

*Be humble, be simple,
bring joy to others.*

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Sunday, 28 July 2019

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2pm-5:30pm

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Parramatta

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To book, go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com.au/2019-abraham-conference-healing-memories-making-history>

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca		Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Marie Coddington	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	No musicians	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Jared & co
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS	Arr'd by Mari Gregory		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio	

20/21 JULY	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Marian Piper Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	No musicians	Joan & David	Mark	No musicians
	COUNTERS	John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	Denis Secco , arr'd by Lesley & Ann		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio